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RED RIVER TO GULF MACADAM HIGHWAY

Biggest Development Project Ever
Undertaken in Texas—How It
Will Benefit the Farmers.

The road grader in Texas is fast becoming the leading implement in our development and is taking its position with the plow and the hammer in building our civilization. We are leading all states in the Union in road building and the movement now launched for constructing a public highway from the Red river to the gulf surpasses any road construction project now on the continent. This long talked of and much hoped for project has now taken tangible form by Mr. R. J. Potts, director of the public roads departments of A. & M. college, giving the movement official recognition and the announcement that he will begin an early survey of the proposed route will be welcome news to at least half the population of Texas who are directly benefited by the construction of this road.

The Commercial Secretaries' Association has made a tentative examination of the route by correspondence and a map showing a proposed route is submitted for the consideration of Mr. Potts and the people residing along the thoroughfare. The proposed route was selected wholly from the standpoint of utility and one which will render service to the agricultural districts and give the largest number

of farmers the most direct and cheap communication with the markets.

The continuous lines shown on the map cover a section of the road reported in an improved condition, while the broken or dotted sections will require construction work in order to place them in first-class shape. The condition of the public highways was gathered by correspondence and merely represents the views of the county judges and others, but it is more than likely that a portion of the section shown as improved will have to have additional work before it is serviceable the entire year. Any road is a good road during good weather.

Beginning at Galveston, the line approximately follows the Houston & Texas Central railroad to Hearne and then branches to Denison and Gainesville, double tracking the black land belt. The total mileage of the trunk lines approximate 630 miles and the lateral lines which will be required to complete the comprehensive system contemplated will add many times more miles to the roadway and will pierce the heart of the agricultural region of the state.

This roadway system when completed will serve 50,000,000 acres of the most fertile land in the United States. The farming section served by this highway system markets annually 3,500,000 tons of products which must be hauled an average distance of five miles to the markets and the average cost of hauling at present is 43 cents per ton mile and when this highway is improved to the New Jersey standard the cost will be reduced to 7 cents per ton mile, making an annual saving of \$7,000,000 to the

farmers along the route.

The far reaching effect of this highway, with all its ramifications, will be felt by at least one-third of our area and within that area there are 40,000 miles of public highways to be improved. The improvement of public highways add \$10,000 per mile to property contiguous to the roadway, and this will give us a net increase in property value from road improvements of \$400,000,000 to the farmers along this route. Building roads is a good way to make money.

Good roads are time savers and it is estimated that the farmers of Texas spend twenty days each per annum on the public roads and good roads will enable them to travel faster and reduce the time of travel at least one-third, thereby giving a total saving to all farmers of approximately 4,000,000 days per annum, which is equal to 10,000 years. Estimating farm labor at \$2 per day it will make a net saving of \$7,200,000 per annum in time now wasted by the Texas farmers on the public highways of the state. Viewing these calculations from the standpoint that to save time is to lengthen life, the improvement of our public highways will add at least two years to the life of every man, woman and child within the influence of this highway.

The total net profits to the farmer along this route which he will receive the first year the road is built will approximate as follows:

Marketing	\$ 7,000,000
Increase in land values	109,000,000
Value of time saved	7,200,000
Total	\$414,200,000

When we undertake to reduce to dollars and cents the value of good roads to Texas it soon runs into a row of figures and dazes the mind and overwhelms the imagination.

The cost of permanently improving the thoroughfares would be insignificant to the net profits the first year of operation and all items except the increase in land values would perpetuate themselves each year.

Then there are the educational advantages which it affords the children along the route; there is a moral advantage in church going, as good roads have a direct result of decreasing profanity and piked thoroughfares are a strong ally to the church rider and all moral teachers; the hygienic advantages are also a factor, as good roads will greatly reduce the dust peril, and it will give the country a prosperous and vigorous appearance and make country life attractive. No effort is made to reduce these factors to dollars.

This is the biggest development project ever undertaken in the annals of Texas progress and when completed will add immensely to the wealth, convenience and comfort of 200,000 farmers and will directly benefit 2,500,000 people. The movement, even in its embryo stage, suggests the importance of adequate support of a state public highway department in order that road building may be intelligently promoted throughout the entire state.

The Singer sewing machine is sold for cash or small monthly payments. See T. A. Satterwhite, salesman. Phone 467.

MAGAZINE TRUST SUIT FILED

Government Alleges Unlawful Combination in Restraint of Interstate and Foreign Trade.

[By Associated Press.]

New York, June 27.—A civil suit was filed in the United States circuit court here today for the dissolution of the Periodical Clearing House and about a score of other magazine defendants. The government's petition alleges unlawful combination and conspiracy to restrain interstate trade and foreign commerce in magazines and other periodical publications.

The petition says that prior to July, 1909, there were nearly twenty thousand corporations or individuals producing or selling periodicals in open competition, but that after that date the principal subscription agents were forced to sign a contract with the Periodical Clearing House and that the latter prepared an official price list for publications which was enforced, notwithstanding many periodicals were willing to have agents sell their publications lower than the official list.

The defendants include several well known publishing houses, among which are Hampton's, McClure's, Harper & Bros., Leslie, the Judge company, the Review of Reviews and the Butterick company.

HEAVY HAIL IN OKLAHOMA.

Two Feet Deep in Sheltered Ravines and Destructive to Crops.

Wichita Falls, Texas, June 27.—A telephone message from Devine, Okla., says that unmelted drifts of hail from Saturday night's storm are lying two feet deep in sheltered ravines. An irrigation lake at the Noble ranch was so filled with hail that it was reported to be impossible to row a boat across it Sunday afternoon. Trees were nearly denuded of foliage and crops ruined for a strip fifteen miles long and about three miles wide.

SIKES-COULSON.

Don Cupid is never idle, for last Monday, June 19, 1911, he united the lives and destinies of Mr. Josh Sikes, of Benchley, and Miss Mae Coulson, of Iola. It was a surprise to both many friends, as no one knew of their intentions. However, they are heartily forgiven and everyone wishes them "bon voyage."

Mr. Sikes attended the singing convention at Pankey last Saturday and Sunday, which was near the home of the bride, and on Monday they decided to begin life together and drove to Bryan, where they were married by Justice McGee, and Mr. Sikes carried home as his bride the sweetheart he had taken to town. The bride is a stranger to us, but evidently is a refined young lady, possessing all the elements of true womanhood. She is a daughter of W. C. Coulson, of Iola. Mr. Sikes is a son of Mrs. Elizabeth Sikes and has a bright future before him, but more so now with his bonny bride by his side.

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" 12.50 " " " "	8.75	" 12.50 " " " "	9.40
" 15.00 " " " "	10.75	" 15.00 " " " "	11.25
" 16.50 " " " "	11.75	" 16.50 " " " "	12.40
" 18.00 " " " "	12.75	" 18.00 " " " "	13.50
" 20.00 " " " "	13.75	" 20.00 " " " "	15.00
" 22.50 " " " "	15.75	" 22.50 " " " "	16.85
" 25.00 " " " "	16.75	" 25.00 " " " "	18.75
" 27.50 " " " "	18.75		
" 30.00 " " " "	21.75		

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